GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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FIRE IN INDIAN OIL TERMINAL IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a fire in Indian Oil Terminal in West Bengal;

(b) if so, details of the loss suffered due to said fire;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check recurrence of such fire in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) : Yes, Sir. There was a fire at Indian Oil's Terminal at Rajbandh in Burdwan District of West Bengal on 03.06.2004.

(b) : There was no loss of human life or injury due to the said fire. 360 Kilo litre of Petrol was lost and the Tank in which it was stored has been damaged.

(c) to (e) : The Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD) has investigated this fire. As per the investigation report, the fire incident took place due to lightning strike which hit the MS storage tank. The fire was successfully extinguished by utilizing in-house fire fighting facilities which were fully operational for combating and controlling the fire. Disaster Management Plan was also activated for Mutual Aid. Fire Fighting facilities at the terminal are being upgraded.